



National Libraries Section Annual report September 2015 – August 2016

Our Annual Report records our achievements and progress in relation to our [Action Plan 2015-2017](#). The action plan submitted in 2015 was over ambitious for the section. Future plans will be more realistic. At the second SC meeting in Columbus it was agreed that the Section should continue the survey, and that it was better to focus on one main activity than to try to be over ambitious in planning. The SC agreed to keep using e-mail and the web pages for information, plus Basecamp where appropriate. Communication via Facebook, twitter, blogs, etc. was not retained.

Objectives identified in action plan and their realization

1. Serve as a forum to share and learn from the experience of the practical problems of national libraries, in order to promote benchmarking, best practices and quality models, and to improve management skills. Promote research in fields of interest to national libraries, always considering the opportunities to share experiences with other groups within IFLA and in close cooperation with CDNL, and to promote the contribution of national libraries to the profession

The nat-lib list has not been active this year. With the completion of the survey, it is hoped that a discussion can be started. The Chair and Secretary of the section met the Chair and vice-Chair of CDNL in December 2015 to discuss areas of cooperation. CDNL agreed to promote and distribute the survey indicated under point 2 below. See also point 10 below.

2. Prepare an inventory of National Library tasks to assist colleagues across the world in defining their own activities and to lobby governments

This has been very successful. In 2015 work has started on an Inventory of best practices for national libraries. An initial national library functions case study was carried out in spring 2015 and has formed the basis of a questionnaire developed and shared in 2016. A presentation on progress so far has been shared at the 1st NL SC meeting in Columbus. In progress. First results available at <http://bit.ly/libraryfunctionsdatacenter>.

3. Encourage national libraries to promote inclusive access to their collections for all through digitisation, access policies, promotion through social media

Lack of resources meant the section did not address this point.

4. The Section will work with IFLA to engage with partners in cultural heritage to develop and promote standards and good practice guidelines and encourage national libraries to be strong advocates for collecting, preserving and providing open access to every nation's documentary heritage

The section secretary has worked with PAC on the preparation of the IFLA survey on best practices in preservation.

5. The Section will promote the IFLA Risk Register encouraging national libraries (and others) to document library collections at risk during times of crisis, conflict or disaster

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6. The Section will support IFLA in its work with UNESCO on digital preservation including the PERSIST project which provides a roadmap for digital sustainability.

No formal contact has occurred.

7. In 2016, the Section organised a session on digital collaboration during WLIC IFLA 2016 in Columbus

Session 201: National Libraries and digital collaboration: building connections and communities - National Libraries Open Session

- Julia Brungs and Vincent Wintermans: Digitally reassembling scattered collections: IFLA, the Memory of the World, and the implementation of the new UNESCO's Recommendation for Documentary Heritage <http://library.ifla.org/1459/1/201-brungs-en.pdf>
- Jaesun Lee: Digital reunification of dispersed collections: The National Library of Korea digitization project <http://library.ifla.org/1337/1/201-lee-en.pdf>
- Driss Khrouz: Digital preservation and access on collaborative platforms - Le Réseau francophone numérique nationale du Royaume du Maroc <http://library.ifla.org/1349/1/201-khrouz-fr.pdf>
- Caroline Brazier: The British Library and its international collections (The British Library, United Kingdom) <http://library.ifla.org/1444/1/201-brazier-en.pdf>
- Isabelle Nyffenegger: Une bibliothèque nationale, un patrimoine universel: quelle responsabilité? La politique internationale de coopération numérique de la Bibliothèque nationale de France <http://library.ifla.org/1336/1/201-nyffenegger-fr.pdf>

8. The Section will work with libraries and other partners to raise awareness of the role of libraries within the Sustainable Development Agenda

See successful programme for NILP below, and the reports in American libraries.

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2016/09/23/ifla-wlic-2016-connections-collaboration-community/>

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/national-libraries-and-sustainable-development/>

9. The Section will work with the National Information and Library Policy Special Interest Group to reinforce the role of national libraries in the development of national policies.

A successful programme for NILP has been organized during the WLIC IFLA 2016 in Columbus.

Session 115: The role of National Libraries in contributing towards the achievement of sustainable development goals - National Information and Library Policy (NILP SIG)

- Lili Boshveska: Sustainability is possible: The National Institution - University Library (NIUL) in Bitola as a leader of societal development <http://library.ifla.org/1485/1/115-boshevska-en.pdf>
- Maisela Eddy Maepa and Khomotso Marumo: The contribution of the National Library of South Africa (NLSA) towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) <http://library.ifla.org/1534/1/115-maepa-en.pdf>
- Sook Won Shin: Libraries Leading the Changes and Development of Our life: Focused on the National Library Policy and Practice by the 2nd Comprehensive Library Development Plan <http://library.ifla.org/1486/1/115-shin-en.pdf>

- Mathilde Gaffet and Camille Espy: The role of national libraries in contributing towards the sustainable development goal of gender equality <http://library.ifla.org/1487/2/115-gaffet-en.pdf>

10. Since the NOIR SIG convener was unable to attend WLIC IFLA 2016, Genevieve Clavel convened and reported on the NOIR SIG session. 69 people attended the meeting. There were no formal presentations, but round table discussions were held with the help of Kelly Moore and Marian Koren.

Session 97: How do international relations add value? Innovation through internationalisation - National Organisations and International Relations (NOIR SIG)

11. The Section will work in close collaboration with CDNL to define common activities.

A meeting of the CDNL Chair and the NL Section Chair was held in December 2015 to define a plan for 2016 in order to align the agendas of both groups more closely.

Standing Committee Meetings

The Section standing Committee met twice during WLIC (13 and 17 August 2016). A new Convener for the NOIR SIG was appointed: Katharina Beberweil.

Minutes of the meetings were distributed to Section Members by email and posted on the section's website. Links to minutes: http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/national-libraries/minutes/nlsc1_columbus_2016_minutes.pdf and http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/national-libraries/minutes/nlsc2_columbus_2016_minutes.pdf